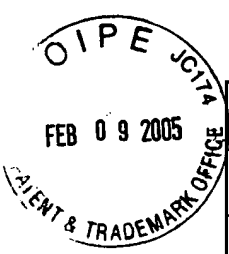


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Application No. 10/645,948-Conf. #8249		Filing Date August 22, 2003		Examiner Y. Tadesse	
				Art Unit 1734	
Applicant(s): Tsuyoshi Nakashima et al.					
Invention: METHOD OF FORMING COAT ON INNER SURFACE OF BEARING AND APPARATUS FOR THE SAME					
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-16 and 23-26 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 17, 18, 21 and 22 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 1 and 23-26 are amended. Claims 1-16 stand withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 23-26. These claims are amended to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is amended to include all of the features of independent claim 23 which is in condition for allowance. Rejoinder of withdrawn claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)